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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council.

Recording notes connected with the question asked at the meeting of the-----held on the 13th February 1918 regarding holding of half yearly examinations in the special tests and the introduction of a provision for partial pass in such tests.

L and M (LEGISLATIVE) DEPARTMENT.

QUESTION.—No. II for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 12. 2. 1918.

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the Home (Eon) Department with reference to Nos. (1) and (4) of the rules regulating Secretariat procedure in dealing with these Questions in the Legislative Council. Orders regarding admission will be communicated in due course.

V. T. K.
15. 1. 18

U.O. No. 96-1/4 dated 15/1/18

To
The Home (Eon) Department, with Q. II



The Hon'ble Mr. S. Venkateswari Raju.

Home (Education) Department.

Q.11. In view of a similar concession granted to candidates for the Salt,

Forest, I.C.S., Lower and Higher standard examinations, Law and Medical

will the Government be pleased to hold the Special Test examination also twice a year or in the alternative, will the Government be pleased to permit candidates to appear for and pass the examinations by compartments?

H. O. S.
(Ed. 3)

The suggestion to hold the Special test exams twice a year have been considered on various occasions in the past and negative. ~~But~~ ^{Recently} it also passed the subject of interpellation at the meeting of the Legislative Council three times - 4. 12. 1930

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No. 134 Ed. 1, d/ the 10th Feb. 1916, No. 230 Ed. 2, d/ the 22nd Feb. 1917 & No. 1228 Ed. 3, d/ the 9th Dec. 1916. The objections that weighed with the Govt. against the adoption of the suggestion are summarized in the office note recorded on the file of the above P.C. The analogy was brought forward by the Additional Member as not quite appropriate - at any rate, that based on half-yearly exams: in the professional subjects of Law and Medicine is quite misleading, precisely because they are conducted by the University, a body which practically always exists for the conduct of exams, and because the character and object of such exams is something quite different from that of the Special Test Exams. The analogy of half-yearly exams: in such depth: tests as the Salt and Forest is perhaps more suitable; but considering the fact that the Special tests attract a surprisingly large no. of candidates motivated drawn from the Subordinate

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at about 1000 ft. alt. in the hills. The soil is very rich and the vegetation is very luxuriant. The climate is very pleasant and the scenery is very beautiful. The people are very friendly and the food is very good. The weather is very nice and the air is very fresh. The water is very pure and the views are very fine. The roads are very good and the transport is very convenient. The prices are very reasonable and the service is very good. The overall impression is very good and the trip is very enjoyable.

number of the review, all the objections
and recommendations to a 2d term
of half-yearly exams: urged at
A & B on pp 3 & 4 at ship $\oplus$ are bound
to be read. It is therefore for consider-
ation whether the question should now
be reopened.

2 Proceeding next to the
alternative suggestion for the
introduction of the compartmental
element in the Sph: test exams, it
may be observed that this has also
been considered and rejected before.
In 1903 the Board of Adv: made a
definite proposal to this effect - vide
para 2 of their Resol: and p. 3 of S.C. No.
162 2d ed.; and the 9th April 1903. Sir W.
Wentworth ~~at the time~~ ~~at the time~~ ~~at the time~~
~~at the time~~ noted as follows then:

"In my opinion the chief
value of the test is that it teach
the official what he wants - to put
his finger on the authority for what
he does (or ought to do) in transacting
daily business. There is no section
of the exam which our officials
can afford to let drop while
reading up another. How ridiculous

p. 2 of notes at (X)

"to let a Mag. mag up his parcel
"Code & forget his Procedure! or
"to let a Tahsilदार mag up his
"Pet: Tease, and forget the Board's
"Standing Orders"

A similar proposal for li-
mitation of the Pet: test came up for
consideration in 1906 and on the ground
that the above ~~is~~ ^{was} ~~not~~ ^{was}
very conclusive it was supported in 1906.
But Sir George Forbes and Sir
Murray Macmillan, were not in favour
of it and the proposal was therefore
reverted - p. 12 of notes with ref. 69th, 1907.

Since there is now a specific
request for holding the Special test
exam: by compartments and since
the question of simplifying the
Special tests is separately under
consideration it is thought that that
the acceptance of the suggestion
(of simplification)
would be a useful measure of
simplification. As to how the
details of the Syllabus should be
worked out, the Board of Ex-

Para. 69th Board proceedings
printed at p. 5 of p. 69th.
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Rev: note at p. 849
of notes to ref.
69th: V
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② Scott: letters: who were
convinced to have all
replied except Paterson

first instance has been w/o it
 to C. & E. for removal on the
 alternative suggestion.

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As several of the exam
 papers are now to be answered
 reference to books, the need of
 system of compartments is
 not be so pronounced as
 as before. The system is
 more largely introduced in
 public examinations in 2
 years than before. Eg. the scho
 course, the intermediate exam
 he may promise "considera
 of the question" at this stage
 and include this among the
 subjects to be dealt with in co
 nection with the simplification
 of the Special tests. The Rev. oth
 tests are probably the or
 two that will admit of
 passing in compartments.

The C. & E. may be comm

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The previous files contain sufficiently
 strong arguments against both

the proposals offered in the question.

We are engaged in simplifying the tests; also in limiting the number of candidates.

The reasons already urged will apply with greater force to the future.

I would suggest the following draft answer.

"The Government have considered the suggestions and do not consider it necessary to adopt them"

May 7, 18

C. G. E. (us)

The holding of the examinations every six months would cause considerable difficulty in practice and (I should think) need have repeat what has been said about our former sessions.

I do not however see any very strong reason why a man who has failed say in the Criminal Procedure Code should have to pass again in the other subjects of the Criminal Judicial

Test though there does seem a reason for making him appear for all the subjects together at his first attempt. Concession of this kind might be made but under conditions which need to be carefully thought out. Perhaps the

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As members might be led that in
con. with the simplification of the test, which
is contemplated his second suggestion will
receive consideration.

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Though opposed to the hold
of half-yearly exams: the L. & S.
appears to be disposed to agree to
the introduction of the compart-
mental element in the Special test
Cards are solicited as to what
reply should be given to the Address
Members.

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Draft answer

The Govt do not consider it advisable
to hold the examinations twice a
year. The simplification of the
tests is under contemplation and
in this connection the rules that proposed
the suggestion to appear for 2 years
as partial force will be recommended.
The examinations by compartments

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will receive consideration in
that connection

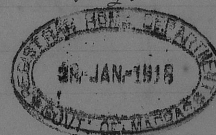
Mr 27/10

C. G. E. (100)

Chairman of the L.C.

I should be inclined to avoid
the use of the word "compartment"
in the first sentence. I suggest therefore for the
second sentence "and in this connection
it must be pointed out that the
be (amend)."

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The amendment suggested here
the D.P.D. has been carried out in
the draft and was proposed by the Secy
3 The case is subject for review
as to circulation.

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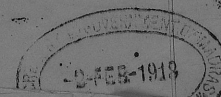
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Cons. 89 B-3
2.2.18



For the Sir

I am not quite
sure whether the Sir
intends this file to go
to the C.G.E. again. Perhaps
he wanted to send it to
H.E. The C.G.E. has
already seen the file
to make his suggestion

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H.E. has ordered that

all draft answers in
the Edel dept that go
to him should first be
seen by C.G.E. Sir
to C.G.E. with this slip

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The final form of the question and answer was as follows:

26 Q.—In view of a similar concession granted to candidates for the Salt, Forest, L.C.S. Lower and Higher Standard examinations, Law and Medical, will the Government be pleased to hold the special test examinations also twice a year, or in the alternative will the Government be pleased to permit candidates to appear for and pass the examinations by compartments?

26 A.—The Government do not consider it advisable to hold the examinations twice a year. The simplification of the tests is under contemplation and in this connexion the rules that prevent a partial pass will be examined.

2 — ^{file on the} The general question of the simplification of the special tests referred to in the answer is lying out for consideration of the reply from Revenue to the effect on the subject. The particular suggestion to introduce a provision for partial pass in the tests will be borne in mind when the general file is put up for order. It is hardly necessary to keep this case open in the meanwhile. The papers may therefore be

Please report with the notes meanwhile. Note that order in the Commission
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Take back from this file for the main file
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Legge, Leonard, M.A.

Remembering notes connected with question asked at the meeting of the — held on the 12th Feb. 1918 re: the holding of the half-yearly exams. in the special tests and the introduction of a provision for partial pass in the

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